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A marked-up version of each amended claim, showing all the changes made relative to the previous version, is set forth in Attachment One hereto.

#### **REMARKS**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2002. The Applicants have amended the claims in order to more clearly recite the claimed invention.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected previously allowed claims 15-21 and 34-40 as being an improper recapture of subject matter surrendered during prosecution of the original Patent. Claim 1 of the Patent was amended during prosecution to modify the two half-molds respectively supported by two mold carriers by the added phrase "which are made in the form of enveloping structures."

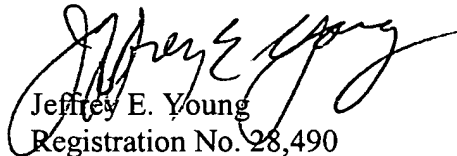
The Amendment submitted herein and proposed during the Interview adds the phrase, "said shell holders being shaped to be supported by two mold carriers made in the form of enveloping structures" to each of claims 15, 35, 36, and 39, in order to overcome the recapture rejection. The ability to be supported by two such mold carriers is a required characteristic of the shell holders, but the mold carriers *per se* are not elements of the mold assembly of the reissue claims.

In light of the foregoing claim amendments and remarks, this Reissue Application should be in condition for immediate allowance. If the Examiner believes any further issues can be resolved by a telephone conference, or if any informality can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, please call the undersigned attorney to expedite the further examination of this application.

The Applicant does not believe that any fees are required beyond those transmitted herewith in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that any fees or extensions of time are necessary to allow the consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) and any fee required is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account 16-0605.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: **BLOW MOLDING DEVICE FOR PRODUCING  
THERMOPLASTIC CONTAINERS (U.S. Patent  
No. 5,968,560; Issued October 19, 1999)**

Group Art Unit 1722

Examiner: Davis, Robert B.

**ATTACHMENT ONE**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), a marked-up version of each amended claim, showing all the changes made relative to the previous version, is set forth below. The changes made relative to the previous version are shown by underlining the added language and bracketing the deleted language.

15. **(Added Claim; Twice Amended)** A mold assembly for use in manufacturing molded thermoplastic containers comprising:

two mold shells each containing a half-impression of a substantial portion of the container to be molded;

two mold shell holders each defining a cavity for receiving each said respective mold shell such that each said respective mold shell is in at least partial mutual thermal-conduction contact with its respective shell holder, said shell holders being shaped to be supported by two mold carriers made in the form of enveloping structures; and

at least one quick-fixing locking member by which at least one of said mold shells is removably secured to a respective one of said mold shell holders, said one quick-fixing locking member including a selectively retractable locking member portion.

35. **(Added Claim; Once Amended)** A mold assembly for use in manufacturing molded thermoplastic containers comprising:

two mold shells each containing a half-impression of a substantial portion of the container to be molded;

two mold shell holders each defining a cavity for receiving each said respective mold shell such that each said respective mold shell is in at least partial mutual thermal-conduction contact with its respective shell holder, said shell holders being shaped to be supported by two mold carriers made in the form of enveloping structures; and

at least one quick-fixing locking member by which at least one of said mold shells is removably secured to a respective one of said mold shell holders, said quick-fixing locking member itself including a retractable locking member portion which can be selectively extended and retracted such that when extended, said retractable locking member portion provides at least partial securement of said one of said mold shells relative to said corresponding mold shell holder, and when retracted, said retractable locking member portion does not provide securement of said one said mold shells relative to said corresponding mold shell holder.

36. **(Added Claim; Once Amended)** A mold assembly for use in manufacturing molded thermoplastic containers comprising:

two mold shells each containing a half-impression of a substantial portion of the container to be molded;

two mold shell holders each defining a cavity for receiving each said respective mold shell such that each said respective mold shell is in at least partial mutual thermal-conduction contact with its respective shell holder, said shell holders being shaped to be supported by two mold carriers made in the form of enveloping structures; and

at least one quick-fixing locking member by which at least one of said mold shells is removably secured to a respective one of said mold shell holders, said one quick-fixing

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locking member including a selectively movable locking member portion which can be selectively moved into and out of a locking position which at least partially locks said one of said mold shells to said respective mold shell holder, and said quick-fixing locking member is configured to include a portion which remains engaged with said mold shell holder when said quick fixing locking member is moved out of said locking position.

39. **(Added Claim; Once Amended)** A mold assembly for use in manufacturing molded thermoplastic containers comprising:

two mold shells each containing a half-impression of a substantial portion of the container to be molded;

two mold shell holders each defining a cavity for receiving each said respective mold shell such that each said respective mold shell is in at least partial mutual thermal-conduction contact with its respective shell holder, said shell holders being shaped to be supported by two mold carriers made in the form of enveloping structures; and

at least one quick-fixing, slidable lock by which at least one of said mold shells is removably secured to a respective one of said mold shell holders, said slidable lock being slidable into and out of a locking position which at least partially locks said one of said mold shells relative to said respective mold shell holder.